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[11] **Patent Number:** 5,798,746[45] **Date of Patent:** Aug. 25, 1998[54] **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**[75] **Inventor:** Jun Koyama, Kanagawa, Japan[73] **Assignee:** Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., Kanagawa, Japan[21] **Appl. No.:** 362,881[22] **Filed:** Dec. 23, 1994[30] **Foreign Application Priority Data**Dec. 27, 1993 [JP] Japan 5-354091
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5,642,129 6/1997 Zavracky et al. 345/92*Primary Examiner*—Mark R. Powell*Assistant Examiner*—John Suraci*Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Sixbey, Friedman, Leedom & Ferguson, P.C.; Gerald J. Ferguson, Jr.[57] **ABSTRACT**

In an active matrix type liquid crystal display device, a time gradation display manner for performing time gradation display is used. A digital gradation (voltage) signal on a signal line is supplied to the digital memory circuit arranged in vicinity of each pixel electrode and stored therein for a desired period of time. This storage state is held until next scanning is started. A high voltage or a low voltage supplied as a power source voltage of the digital memory circuit is applied to a pixel electrode while the digital memory circuit is in a storage state, so that a desired voltage is stably applied to the pixel electrode.

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